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SUBJECT: CODEL PASSMAN

REF: STATE 297642

1. CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN VISITED TAIPEI FROM JANUARY 8 TO JANUARY 10. GOVERNOR EDWIN EDWARDS OF LOUISIANA HAD PLANNED TO ACCOMPANY THE CODEL, BUT WITHDREW BECAUSE OF PRESSING BUSINESS AT HOME. HOWEVER, HIS BROTHER, AID AGRICULTURAL CONSULTANT MARION EDWARDS, DID MAKE THE TRIP. AT CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN'S REQUEST, HIS ENTIRE SCHEDULE WAS ARRANGED BY THE ROC FOREIGN MINISTRY. IT INCLUDED OFFICIAL CALLS ON THE PREMIER AND THE MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WAS NOT INCLUDED ON THESE CALLS BUT DID ACCOMPANY CODEL ON A VISIT TO THE CHENG HSIN CHILDREN'S REHABILITATION CENTER. FYI. THE CHENG HSIN CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED BY MADAME CHIANG. CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OBTAINING AID FINANCING FOR A NEW WING WHICH WAS DEDICATED LAST YEAR. THIS "U.S. WING" WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE CARE OF TEEN-AGE CHILDREN. END FYI.

2. MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE VISIT CONSISTED OF LITTLE MORE THAN BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE PARTY'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.

3. EMBASSY PROVIDED USUAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES INCLUDING ASSISTANCE AT AIRPORT ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. CODEL SEEMED ENTIRELY SATISFIED WITH EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE.
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